Fear Fisherman Lost On Graham Isle Dead Or Hurt

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Seek Information, Clues

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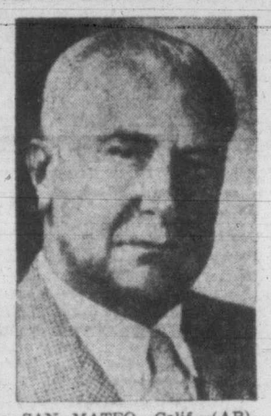

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He was born at San Jose, Calif.

Search-And-Rescue Planes Joined By Land, Sea Parties

VANCOUVER (CP)—The conviction that Martin Ulmer, 26-year-old Vancouver fisherman, is "either dead or seriously injured in a fall," was expressed by his companion, Robert Tasker, in a radio telephone interview at Tartu Inlet, about 600 miles north of here.

Tasker, 18, stumbled into a fishing camp on Graham Island, most northerly of the Queen Charlotte group, after an eight-day trek through 25 miles of dense underbrush. He and Ulmer had been stranded when Ulmer's 34-foot gillnetter broke its crankshaft May 22.

They parted company after a division of supplies to seek aid along the island's barren shores. Ulmer has been lost 11 days.

Tasker said in the interview Thursday night that Ulmer, a good woodsman, would have shown up by now if he were alive and well.

"My chief fear was of falling and breaking a leg in my weakened state," he said of his trek. "That is what I think must have happened to Marty."

R.C.A.F. search-and-rescue planes took up the search for the missing man again today on the discovery of the stamped-out ashes of a campfire in the wilderness. They were joined by land and sea searchers.

Tasker told of their parting, when he took the rubber skiff and started to row for the shore of Seal Inlet.

"On the way over the skiff tipped and we lost everything. I swam for shore.

"That was the last I saw of Marty, but I figured I would meet him at the head of the inlet at nightfall.

When he did not show up, Tasker said he struck out along the most likely route.

"I lost track of time and direction. I was not troubled by hunger although I could feel myself growing weaker all the time. The weather had started to break and it was turning cold, but I knew I had to keep on going."

WAS SURPRISED

When he reached the Canadian Fishing Company camp at Tartu Inlet he thought his companion had reached there ahead of him.

"When they told me Marty had not turned up, I was dazed. I wondered if he had turned back to the boat." The camp manager called the British Columbia police and started the search.

Tasker was taken back to the boat, and said he found a camera and other belongings disturbed.

"Someone had been aboard since I left," he said.

He thought the remnants of the fire might indicate that Ulmer had lighted it as an injury signal.

The search will continue tomorrow.

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SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — R.C.M.P. and city police intensified a search today for four men still at large after a midnight escape from the provincial hospital for mental cases at nearby Fairville.

A fifth man, whose name was not given, was recaptured some two hours after the escape.

Police believed they had located all the fugitives when the fifth man was apprehended. This led to earlier reports that all had been recaptured.

One of the men was described by hospital authorities as violent and another as a sex maniac. The captured man answered neither description.

The men, ranging in age from 19 to 58, made their getaway by knotting bedclothes into a makeshift rope and lowering themselves from a window.

'Fabulously Rich' Strike Of Gold In South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter)—A "fabulously rich" gold strike on Farm Erfdeel, 12 miles southeast of Odendaalsrust, is expected to make the Orange Free State the richest gold area in the world, it was announced today.

The previous richest strike was the famous Geduld Borehole in 1946, also at Odendaalsrust, which assayed at 23,000 inch pennyweights.

The find was announced in a notice posted in the stock exchange here this morning and Free State Gold Areas Ltd. confirmed that the strike was "fabulously rich."

Gold shares jumped from 15s. 3d. ($3.05) Thursday to 25s. 6d. ($5.10) today.

An official statement on the find was expected soon.

There were wild and erratic dealings on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange earlier today when first rumors of the strike were circulating.

The Geduld strike was made three years ago, five miles south of Odendaalsrust, in the Orange Free State.

The Orange Free State goldfield is quite distinct from the Rand, in the Transvaal.

A gold mining expert in London agreed that there could be no comparison between the new strike and any other gold strike in South Africa, as the yield of the new reef was far beyond anything approaching normal.

Vaudeville Spreading

NEW YORK (AP) — Vaudeville, which came back to New York last month, is due for a country-wide revival. It went over so well at Broadway's historic Palace Theatre that R.K.O. is going to try it out from coast to coast. R.K.O. said that by next fall it hopes to have variety shows in all its theatres in major cities across the United States.

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14 Go Free In Mass Prison Break-Out In West Virginia

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va. (AP)—Fourteen prisoners sawed and slugged their way out of the supposedly "escape proof" south hall of the South Penitentiary here today.

It was West Virginia's biggest mass prison break in at least 35 years.

Six of the escapees were serving life terms, and six of them were in solitary confinement.

The escaping prisoners left behind them a bleeding guard they had slugged and tossed into one of the vacated cells.

A skiff on the West Virginia bank of the Ohio River was stolen, giving rise to the belief the escapees may have crossed into Ohio.

Bars of six of the individual cells were reported cut with a home-made drill saw, while the remaining nine cells were jimmied open by those already outside.

More Supervision Of Railways By Government Asked

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Royal Commission on transportation today entered the third day of its Manitoba sessions after receiving a series of briefs urging better treatment for the West in freight rates.

About 10 more submissions from provincial bodies were to be presented during the day to the commission, expected to conclude its Manitoba hearings late today and move on to Regina.

The six briefs put before the three-man mody Thursday were united generally in calling for closer supervision of the railways by the government, and for action to bring western freight-rate levels down to those in the east.

The commission is to report to the federal government on these and a wide range of other subjects dealing with all forms of transportation under the jurisdiction of Parliament.

Thursday's briefs urged that the freight-rate structure be simplified; that the Board of Transport Commissioners, the regulatory body of the railroads, take more initiative in revising rates, and that it be made easier for shippers to set in motion the machinery for getting rate increases reconsidered.

C.P.A. Aircraft Lands At Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia (CP) The Canadian Pacific Airlines' Empress of Vancouver arrived here today completing a flight from Vancouver.

The Canadair-4 aircraft, under command of Capt. C. H. Pentland, carried 20 captains and navigators and C.P.A. personnel on the familiarization flight. The company will inaugurate a fortnightly service to Australia July 13 when the first plane leaves Vancouver for Sydney.

B.C.E. Motorman Acquitted By Jury

VANCOUVER (CP) — Joseph Stephens, 37-year-old B.C. Electric Company motorman, was acquitted of manslaughter Thursday by an Assize Court jury.

It was his second trial on the charge. The new trial was ordered after a jury disagreement last week.

Stephens was alleged to have been negligent in his operation of a one-man streetcar which struck Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Joseph Nance of Innisfail, Alta., Jan. 18.

Nance, 58, died in a hospital from injuries. Mrs. Nance suffered minor injuries.

C.C.F. Will Name Federal Candidate At Meeting Tonight

The Victoria C.C.F. organization tonight will choose a candidate to contest the Victoria constituency in the June 27 federal general election.

The meeting will be held at 8 in C.C.F. headquarters, 857 Pandora Avenue. Mrs. May Campbell, candidate in Victoria provincially and president of the Victoria association, will preside.

In C.C.F. circles the names of four persons have been mentioned. They are William Caird, member of the Plumbers' Union; Frank Mitchell, plasterer; Bert Johns, employee of the B.C. Telephone Co., and Murray Bryce, C.C.F. provincial campaign manager. It is understood, however, that Mr. John and Mr. Bryce will not permit their names to go before the convention.

The candidate chosen tonight by the C.C.F. will be opposed by Fisheries Minister R. W. Mayhew, the Liberal candidate, and Gordon Cameron, Progressive Conservative.

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BARCELONA, Spain (AP) —The second bomb in 48 hours exploded here today during Generalissimo Francisco Franco's visit to this Catalonian capital. No one was injured in either explosion.

Reunion In Hospital

"Oh, I hope she pulls through," prayed William J. Kopytko, N.S. Navy chief storekeeper, as he reached the iron lung in a Los Angeles hospital of his polio-stricken wife, Marion, after a 5,000-mile mercy flight from Guam. It was their first reunion in 16 months and doctors hoped his presence might do what medicine had failed to accomplish.—(NEA Photo)

Boy Jailed For Life

MARIANNA, Fla. (AP)—Frank Murphy Jr., 14-year-old reform school inmate, was given a life sentence Thursday for the "tattle tale" murder of a fellow student, Eddie Albert Black, 13. The prosecution claimed Murphy killed Black because he threatened to tattle on Murphy for smoking.

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Third race—Raton.

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Would-Be Parents Adopting Babies Privately In Canada

MONTREAL (CP)—Widespread adoption of illegitimate babies exists in Canada, the Child Welfare Division of the Canadian Welfare Council was told here.

Miss K. Phyllis Burns, division executive secretary, reported Thursday that the shortage of adoptable children had prompted many people to bypass the agency waiting lists and to seek children privately.

"Due to inadequate community interpretation and to staff shortages, our services are not known to or used by many unmarried mothers who urgently need help and guidance," she said.

"Canada's adoption problem is not simple, concern being felt by the division about the wide variations in adoption practices in the provinces and the lack of sufficient interpretation of adoption."

Mrs. Muriel B. McCrae, chairman of the division's adoption committee, said traffic in illegal adoptions is widespread in Quebec. She said there are too few Protestant children in the province for the number of couples wanting to adopt children and too many Roman Catholic children for the number of homes offered.

As a result, she said, many children are being taken to other Canadian areas and to the United States from Quebec.

Lincoln Scratches

First race—Biffema, Famine, Ess Jay, Miss G. G., Echo Beach, Legislator.

Second race—Barbara Lu, Money King, Paper Clip, Whiteford Tet, Raffle House, Infinotto.

Third race—Lady Bell, Miss Black, Brun Dor.

Fourth race—Bobs Pal.

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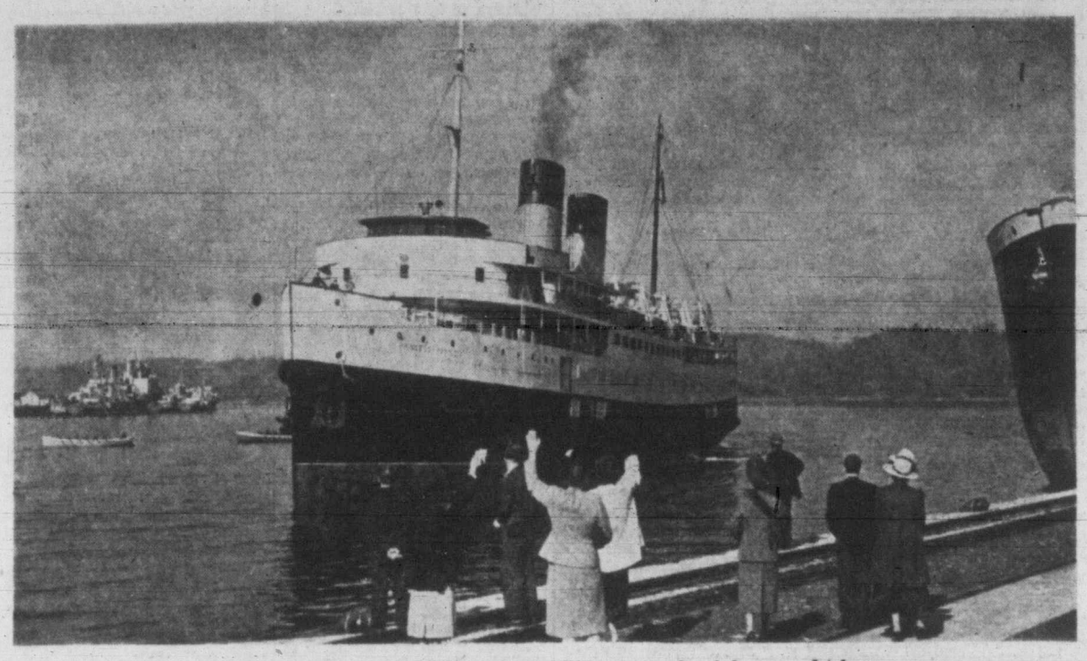

First Picture Of Princess Patricia In Home Waters

The C.P.R.'s 6,000-ton coast passenger vessel Princess Patricia noses into her Esquimalt drydock berth at 8.40 this morning after completing what is believed to be the fastest voyage ever made by a steamer between Britain and this port. A small cluster of wives wave from dockside while in the background curious R.C.N. new entries look up at the new ship from their whalers and cutters. (See story Page 15.)

Giant Protest On Asbestos Fight Hinted

QUEBEC (CP)—A general strike by 85,000 members of Catholic labor unions in support of the 5,000 striking Quebec asbestos workers will be discussed at a special meeting next week of officials of all organizations affiliated with the Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor.

The meeting, announced at the moment the C.C.C.L. was turning down a plan for settlement of the eastern townships asbestos strike, will be held in Montreal.

A C.C.C.L. official said here today the question of a general strike by all Catholic syndicates affiliated with the confederation "will be on the agenda."

Asbestos workers' syndicates which also are affiliated with the C.C.C.L. called their strike Feb. 13 to back up demands that included a wage boost from 85 cents an hour to $1.

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RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuter)—More than 100 persons are feared dead in one of the worst floods which ever hit the Sao Francisco area of northeast Brazil. Communications were cut and many towns and villages isolated.

Britain To Purchase Bacon From Holland

THE HAGUE (Reuter) — A four-year contract under which The Netherlands will deliver a minimum of 115,000 tons of bacon to Britain, was concluded between the Dutch government and the British Ministry of Food, it was announced Thursday night.

The minimum quantities for 1949, 1950 and 1951 have been fixed respectively at 10,000, 25,000 and 35,000 tons. Actual deliveries are expected to be substantially larger, however.

G.I. Joes Told What To Do If A-Bomb Bursts Close By

WASHINGTON (AP)—"What would you do if an atomic bomb burst near enough to knock you down?"

This puzzler—and a few tentative answers—appears in a pamphlet the United States armed forces are handing out to their fighting men.

"Except for magnitude," it says, "the atomic bomb is similar to regular explosions, with the added effect of radiation."

The pamphlet divides atomic bombing attacks into two types—"air burst" and "contaminating burst," the latter involving radioactive spray—and then offers procedures in each case.

If warned in advance of an air attack, it says, seek an air-raid shelter, deep basement or a subway, as some measure of protection against both the blast and the bomb's deadly rays.

If that's impossible, find a ditch or ravine, protecting the eyes from the brilliant flash.

Should the attack be a contaminating burst, cover up with a raincoat, or even a piece of paper, to keep poisonous dirt or water from falling on you.

If it is raining, don't go out into the rain—it may be contaminated. Don't pick up souvenirs; they also may be contaminated. And finally—

"Take a thorough shower, scrubbing completely three or four times."

It doesn't say where to find a shower working after an atomic bomb attack.

LATEST

Record Tuna Catch

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP)—The refrigerator tuna carrier Saipan today was unloading a record 1,200 tons of yellowfin tuna, caught in tropical waters.

Find Boy's Tracks

EASTMAN, Que. (CP) — Tracks of a small boy were found today by searchers hunting for six-year-old Michel Fontaine, missing since Monday night, and the hunt was intensified on the slopes of Mount Chagnon, about a mile and a half from the Fontaine farm home.

Stocks Down Again

NEW YORK (AP)—A new sinking spell in the Stock Market today carried the price level to the lowest point in around 15 months. The decline was slow and orderly. Many issues established lows for the year or longer. Not since March 16, 1948, has the general level of prices been so low.

Agreement Reached

The Labor Relations Board announced today that an agreement had been reached by Veteran Stages Ltd., Victoria, and the Street Railwaymen's Union Division 109 (A.F.L.).

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This brought the index, based on 1935-39 equals 100, within one-tenth of a point of its peak figure of 159.6, which it has touched three times—last October, November and January.

From August, 1939, to May 1 this year, living costs as measured by the Bureau of Statistics barometer have increased 58.2 per cent.

The latest increase resulted from a rise in the bureau's food-costs index, which jogged up from 198.5 the previous month to 199.5 at May 2. This was attributed to seasonal increases in meats and advances in a number of other foods.

It was the first advance in the food index since the all-time peak of 205.4 was reached last Oct. 1. The latest index compared with 191.2 a year ago.

CLOTHING UP

Clothing showed a minor increase of a tenth of a point to 183.3, while the index for home furnishings and services rose an identical amount to 168.1. A year ago, the clothing index was 173.6 and the home furnishings and services index 161.9.

On the other hand, fuel and light costs decreased, with lower prices for coke and anthracite coal in Ontario and Quebec. The index for this division fell from 131 to 129.1.

South African Gold Strike Assays 529 Ounces Per Ton

LONDON (Reuter) — Ore samples from the South African bore-hole strike announced today show a value of 529 ounces of gold a ton for the basal reef, more than eight times as rich as the former record for that area.

Since today's reef is narrower, the over-all value of the new strike is about 2½ times as much as the previous record.

The previous richest strike, at Geduld No. 1, also in the Odendaalsrust area of the Orange Free State, yielded less than 63 ounces a ton.

Value of ore samples from the leader reef at the new strike equals 17 ounces a ton.

These figures give the ore a theoretical value of £4,550 ($18,200) a ton in the basal reef and £146 in the leader.

Location Of Find Important

The sensational strike at Farm Erfdeel is important for its position perhaps even more than for its richness.

Boreholes provide geological, rather than commercial, information. For the immediate neighborhood of the bore hole, the result might turn out to be quite insignificant—merely an isolated patch of richness. Solid nuggets have sometimes been found in areas which proved to be commercially unpayable.

Yet the strike may have importance for the geology of the Orange Free State as a whole. It is well east of the original "proved area" of the Free State, which will have about a dozen big mines.

This result therefore is a further indication that a large area of the Orange Free state is underlain by gold, and richly so in at least some parts the full dimensions of which are still unknown. It lends color to the theory that the Orange Free State has a second reef of gold parallel with the proved "line of strike."

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C.P.A. Aircraft Lands At Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia (CP) The Canadian Pacific Airlines' Empress of Vancouver arrived here today completing a flight from Vancouver.

The Canadair-4 aircraft, under command of Capt. C. H. Pentland, carried 20 captains and navigators and C.P.A. personnel on the familiarization flight. The company will inaugurate a fortnightly service to Australia July 13 when the first plane leaves Vancouver for Sydney.

Fliers Who Jumped From B-29 Rescued

OROFINO, Idaho (AP)—Eight airmen who jumped from a crippled B-29 Thursday were rescued from the rugged North Idaho mountains today.

They received only minor bruises and sprains in parachuting out of the bomber. The limping plane landed safely in Spokane after the men bailed out.

Young Barrymore Goes Into Movies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Barrymore Jr. has taken his first stride in his late father's footsteps.

He won court approval of his first movie contract Thursday. As his mother, Dolores Costello Vruwink, looked on, young Barrymore was given the right to act for Le May Productions at a starting salary of $150 a week for a minimum of three months.

The pact is for seven years and if all options are exercised will pay $50,000 a picture the last year.

The latest Barrymore will leave soon for Texas for the filming of his first opus, a western. He will be 17 tomorrow.

Survivors Of Crash In Arctic Brought Out

EDMONTON (CP)—Two survivors of a northland crash inside the Arctic Circle were safe today in Sawmill Bay, N.W.T., as the result of an R.C.A.F. search and rescue Dakota, piloted by the man who found them, having landed on the snow and picked them up.

The rescue late Thursday night climaxed a four-day search by three four-engined Lancaster bombers and two Dakotas for veteran northern pilot Ernie Boffa and his mechanic, Fred Riley. The two crashed about 55 miles north-northwest of Coppermine, N.W.T., after leaving Holman Island in the Arctic Ocean Monday in a two-engined Anson.

A spokesman for the Northwest Air Command said Boffa's Anson was a complete wreck after plowing into the snow at a shallow angle. Both engines were thrown about 25 yards from the plane. Neither of the survivors was injured.

Control Langford Fire

A three-quarter acre forest fire in the highlands area of the Langford ranger district has been brought under control by 12 men and today is burning itself out. The B.C. Forest Service reported the crew attending the blaze had been reduced to a patrol.

The fire is the only new blaze in the past 24 hours in the Vancouver forest district.

In the Fort George district 13 other forest fires are burning, all under control.

Thinks Fisherman Lost On Graham Isle Dead Or Hurt

VANCOUVER (CP)—The conviction that Martin Ulmer, 26-year-old Vancouver fisherman, is "either dead or seriously injured in a fall," was expressed by his companion, Robert Tasker, in a radio telephone interview at Tartu Inlet, about 600 miles northwest of here.

Tasker, 18, stumbled into a fishing camp on Graham Island, most northerly of the Queen Charlotte group, after an eight-day trek through 25 miles of dense underbrush. He and Ulmer had been stranded when Ulmer's 34-foot gillnetter broke its crankshaft May 22.

They parted company after a division of supplies to seek aid along the island's barren shores. Ulmer has been lost 11 days.

Tasker said in the interview Thursday night that Ulmer, a good woodsman, would have shown up by now if he were alive and well.

"My chief fear was of falling and breaking a leg in my weakened state," he said of his trek. "That is what I think must have happened to Marty."

R.C.A.F. search-and-rescue planes took up the search for the missing man again today on the discovery of the stamped-out ashes of a campfire in the wilderness. They were joined by land and sea searchers.

14 Go Free In Mass Prison Break-Out In West Virginia

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va. (AP)—Fourteen prisoners sawed and slugged their way out of the supposedly "escape proof" south hall of the South Penitentiary here today.

It was West Virginia's biggest mass prison break in at least 35 years.

Six of the escapees were serving life terms, and six of them were in solitary confinement.

The escaping prisoners left behind them a bleeding guard they had slugged and tossed into one of the vacated cells.

A skiff on the West Virginia bank of the Ohio River was stolen, giving rise to the belief the escapees may have crossed into Ohio.

Bars of six of the individual cells were reported cut with a home-made drill saw, while the remaining nine cells were jimmied open by those already outside.

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One Woman's Day

By NANCY HODGES

PETTICOAT GOVERNMENT

ONE OF MY anonymous readers has sent me a clipping from an English newspaper which provides me with a chuckle. It tells of the arrival of petticoat government in a Warwickshire village.

It seems that the village in question held an election of its seven-member parish council recently. No less than six women were elected, and the only man chosen got in by five votes over another woman.

As there are more than 500 men in the old village, it looks as if they will have to do as they are told for the next four years—for that is the term for which the councilwomen were elected. And the lone councilman will doubtless have to mind his "p's" and "q's."

QUAINT NAME

THIS SEEMINGLY feminine stronghold in the heart of rural England goes by the delicious name of Bishop's Itchington—a name that has a touch of "opera bouffe" about it or, at best, a Dickensian air.

It makes me wonder whether the males of the village have any "itching" to change the situation which has come upon them and which must, I am sure, have shocked them to the marrow.

For you must remember that Bishop's Itchington is not one of these modern communities that mushrooms up over night around a gas station. It existed centuries ago, being even mentioned in the Domesday Book, which William the Conqueror had compiled about the year 1085. But its name then was Icetone.

ANCIENT'S TRIBUTE

AND NOW petticoat government has caught up with them after all these years. It makes me speculate as to whether the male voters have been inclined—like voters in other parts of the world—to be asleep at the switch when the time comes to elect their representatives, and that the women caught them napping.

However, whatever lay behind their sweep of the village polls, those six councilwoman have the blessing of one important person, it seems. For the oldest inhabitant came out and expressed his views in no uncertain terms when he opined the women "have a durned sight more push than most of the men."

And when a village patriarch expresses such sentiments, believe me, it means something! It is reminiscent of what Chaucer, the 14th century English poet, once wrote: "What is better than wisdom? Womman."

MORE CRITICAL

SPEAKING of petticoat government reminds me that women in public office don't always receive such praise and support—even from the quarters from which they might expect it.

I notice that an organization of New Jersey women in convention recently voiced a strong protest to the U.S. State Department against a former woman judge, Dorothy Kenyon, a U.S. representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

Their resolution charged that her attitude was inimical to the best interests of women and that, through her actions on the United Nations Commission, she "has shown opposition to the equal rights for women."

BITTER WITH SWEET

FAR BE IT from me to enter any controversy between American women and their representatives—I wouldn't if I knew all the facts of the case, which I certainly do not.

I only bring it in here to show that, even when women get elected to office, it doesn't follow that they can please everybody.

And, as any woman who has ever held public office of any kind knows, it isn't all smooth sailing by any means. You have to be prepared to take criticism as well as praise, censure as well as commendation—and learn to take it, not as a personal matter, but as part of the job—even in Bishop's Itchington!

Coast League Ball Attendance Shows Marked Increase

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Attendance in the Pacific Coast Baseball League has soared past the 1,250,000 mark and is up 17,494 over a corresponding period of the 1948 season.

Thanks to increases in the league's four smallest cities and a tremendous drawing power named Luke Easter of the San Diego club, attendance through Tuesday, May 31, was 1,270,058 paid, as against 1,252,564 through the same date in 1948.

San Diego, Sacramento, Portland and Seattle, the four smallest cities, all have accounted for gains over last year.

San Diego has been the biggest draw and its increase the largest. The Padres at home have played before 208,782, up 65,118. Easter is the club's negro hitting star.

BIG CITIES OFF

The larger cities, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and even the loop-leading Hollywood club, are off from the 1948 figures.

Seattle, with 171,913 paid admissions, an increase of 15,687, ranks second to San Diego. Sacramento, with 164,712, shows an upturn of 59,117. Portland has drawn 90,832, compared to 85,837 last year.

President Clarence Rowland reiterated a prediction that the circuit will exceed its all-time minor league record of 4,068,432 set in 1947. Both Los Angeles and San Francisco, ran into streaks of bad weather early this season.

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Your Baby And Mine

By MYRTLE MEYER ELDRED

BABY MUST LEARN OTHERS WON'T HARM HIM

When a child meets a new situation and feels that he cannot deal with it, or escape it, he develops an emotion of fear. The more helpless he feels, the more quickly the fear response degenerates into terror.

At about 9 to 12 months of age children become more self-conscious about strangers. They may resent or fear being picked up or made over by them. If they have had their mothers as a constant part of each home or outdoor situation, they are terror-stricken if she leaves them.

This fear should end when babies discover, born thespians that they are, that strangers have not only pleasant ways, sometimes enjoyable gifts, but an endearing interest in their activities. This new audience is so welcome that they forget their fears.

Mrs. R. V. C. writes, "I have no problems with my baby except the one that he screams at the sight of other persons, especially babies and children, the whole time he is out for his airing. He will not let anyone hold him but me and even his father cannot care for him unless I am in the room. If I go out he screams until I come back.

"I am new here and so have stayed pretty close to my own apartment. I admit that he has been showered with love and attention since birth and I feel now that it has been of harm to him, he clings to me as if I were the only person in the world. He has been this way since his fifth month and he is now nine months old."

The constant presence of one caretaker is certain to become so fixed a part of the baby's experiences that he is fearful when there is a change. What he needs to discover is that there are other loving, protective persons in the world. He will learn this the more quickly if you are not distraught by his crying and will continue to talk in a soothing, calm way to him and reassure him constantly that there is nothing of which to be afraid. He will understand your attitude if not your words.

Allow the father to care for him some part of each day, and when you come back into the room, even if the baby has been crying, do not go near him or act as if he needed soothing. Just let the father continue to play with, talk to and distract him.

When he has become accustomed to being with him alone, then bring in another person, some accommodating relative, or friend or neighbor and try the same tactics. Put the baby in a carriage or playpen, let the stranger talk to him, go out of the room, come back and ignore him, until he is convinced that no one and nothing will harm him whether you are or are not with him.

Leaflet No. 41 "Teaching Independence," mentions the training for getting along without the mother. I may be had by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Myrtle Meyer Eldred in care of this newspaper.

Woodcock Back In Ring Picture After Putting Mills Away

LONDON (AP)—Bruce Woodcock, a fugitive from ring oblivion, is being hailed today as a worthy foe for American Lee Savold in their Sept. 6 bout which Britain, at least, terms a world heavyweight championship affair.

Woodcock retained his British, Empire and European heavyweight titles last night at White City Stadium by knocking out world light-heavyweight king Freddie Mills, also of England, in the 14th round.

That earned him a shot at Savold. Promoter Jack Solomons is advertising the fight as being for Joe Louis' vacated title.

Thursday night's attraction, scheduled for 15 rounds, was witnessed by a jammed 46,000 fans who paid $280,000. Each fighter received $56,000.

The underdog in the betting and scorned by most boxing experts, Woodcock had been virtually written off when his jaw was fractured two years ago by Joe Baksi of Kulpont, Pa. The three victories Bruce scored since starting a comeback last September were unconvincing.

The body of English revolutionary spy John Andre, executed by the Americans in 1782, rests in Westminster Abbey along with other famous Englishmen.

To Call Tenders For Tennis Courts

The Kinsmen Club will call tenders shortly on the construction of two public tennis courts at Beacon Hill Park, it was decided Thursday night at a meeting in the Pacific Club.

It is the feeling of the club present tennis facilities in this city are entirely inadequate. Initial plans of the club called for the building of six to eight asphalt courts. It found later, however, this would be too costly a venture even though the city has agreed to pay half the total expense.

At the meeting last night, the club was told by parks superintendent W. H. Warren that two courts alone would cost about $4,800.

A proposal submitted by one club member that other service clubs in the city be asked to share in the project so that the original number of courts could be constructed was rejected after discussion.

Walter S. Miles, president of the Chamber of Commerce, asked the club to give careful consideration to the site of the proposed courts. He said Beacon Hill Park would not be the best place to have the courts.

He said there were other districts in the city, having a greater number of children, which would benefit more from the courts than Beacon Hill.

Mr. Warren suggested Central Park as a possible location.

An address was given by Dr. Henrietta Anderson, organizing director of the Greater Victoria Recreational Council.

Low Says Crises Coming In Canada

REGINA (CP) — Solon Low said here Thursday night that Canada faces two serious crises—one in trade and the other in employment.

The national leader of the Social Credit Party placed the blame on the Liberal government and its "export or die" policy.

In a broadcast over a CBC national network, he was critical of the Bretton Woods and Geneva trade pacts, and clauses which demand that nations must have payment for their exports in their own currency. He recorded the broadcast here before starting on a West Coast election tour.

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Sports Round-Up

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.

NEW YORK (AP) — That path you can see leading to Hackensack, N.J., was worn by major league scouts going to watch Stan Pitula pitch for Hackensack High School . . . Stan just won 10 games this season, making it 16 straight for two years, but seven were shutouts and two were no-hitters . . . For the season, Pitula's record shows 18 hits, 12 walks, 143 strikeouts and four runs, all unearned, in 72 innings. He also is the best hitter on the team . . . Anybody got a high school star who can beat that?

UNHAPPY LESTER

Lester Patrick, who now owns the Victoria franchise in the Pacific Coast Hockey League, says he doesn't know what he's going to do with it. Les apparently isn't happy in his semi-retired status as vice-president of Madison Square Garden, but he doesn't want to fiddle around with a club where the seating capacity is so limited.

ALL BURNED UP

This dispute probably will have to go for Happy Chandler for a ruling, though it is now being debated in the suburban Boston Municipal Softball League . . . Seems the Somerville, Mass., firemen's team was to meet Malden at 10 a.m. one day this spring . . . At 8.14 a fire alarm was sounded. At 8.23 there was another and at 10.45 the multiple alarm sign was flashed . . . Naturally the fire laddies didn't show up at the ball field. The umpire waited a half hour, then ordered the game forfeited to Malden . . . League officials, on a close vote, upheld the ump, but the fire chief and the mayor of Somerville are protesting that the game should be rescheduled.

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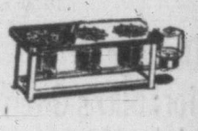

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JOHANNESBURG (Reuter)—A "fabulously rich" gold strike on Farm Erfdeel, 12 miles south-east of Odendaalsrust, is expected to make the Orange Free State the richest gold area in the world, it was announced today.

The previous richest strike was the famous Geduld Borehole in 1946, also at Odendaalsrust, which assayed at 23,000 inch pennyweights.

The find was announced in a notice posted in the stock exchange here this morning and Free State Gold Areas Ltd. confirmed that the strike was "fabulously rich."

Gold shares jumped from 15s. 3d. ($3.05) Thursday to 25s. 6d. ($5.10) today.

An official statement on the find was expected soon.

There were wild and erratic dealings on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange earlier today when first rumors of the strike were circulating.

The Geduld strike was made three years ago, five miles south of Odendaalsrust, in the Orange Free State.

The Orange Free State goldfield is quite distinct from the Rand, in the Transvaal.

A gold mining expert in London agreed that there could be no comparison between the new strike and any other gold strike in South Africa, as the yield of the new reef was far beyond anything approaching normal.

Boy's Life Saved By Water Police At Port Alberni

PORT ALBERNI—Life of Harold Johnson, 10, was saved by prompt action of Constable T. B. Guerney of P.L.M. 16 at Alberni Thursday night. The lad was caught in the strong current of the Somass River about 9.30 and was being carried downstream when the engineer of the police launch noticed his plight.

Guerney threw him a lifebelt and threw the dinghy overboard and dived in after it as it was swept away by the river current. He picked up the exhausted boy and brought him ashore where first aid was given by Miss Jane Beattie of the public health services.

The P.L.M. 16 was tied up at the Rogers Creek berth at Alberni and the lad was drifting down river about 70 feet from the vessel when first noticed.

Urges Big Corporations To Exploit Alberta Resources

MONTREAL (CP)—Organization of an industrial development corporation as the most practicable and efficient means of exploiting the immense oil and natural gas discoveries of Alberta was proposed today by Premier E. C. Manning.

The Alberta cabinet head addressed a luncheon meeting of the Investment Dealers' Association, eastern Canada section.

He stressed the important bearing the Alberta oil developments have on the United States dollar situation. He said the province's oil production is worth $150,000 to $180,000 daily.

Formerly Canada had to find U.S. dollars to pay for imports of oil, he said, and Finance Minister Abbott had told the country that imports of oil were the heaviest drain on the Canadian supply of U.S. dollars.

Declaring current investment in Alberta natural resources is insignificant and that government investment is undesirable, Premier Manning said the formaton of an industrial development corporation would enable the appointment of the requisite technical and administrative staffs, reduce costs, spread the risks and be able to make a long-range approach to the situation.

"The fact is that while a sum of more than $60,000,000 a year now is being spent on exploration and development, it will take much larger amounts to extend the present limited market for gas and oil. The cost of the pipeline to Regina alone will amount to $45,000,000, while if it were extended to the Great Lakes it would cost an additional $75,000,000.

C.C.F. Will Name Federal Candidate At Meeting Tonight

The Victoria C.C.F. organization tonight will choose a candidate to contest the Victoria constituency in the June 27 federal general election.

The meeting will be held at 8 in C.C.F. headquarters, 857 Pandora Avenue. Mrs. May Campbell, candidate in Victoria provincially and president of the Victoria association, will preside.

In C.C.F. circles the names of four persons have been mentioned. They are William Caird, member of the Plumbers' Union; Frank Mitchell, plasterer; Bert Johns, employee of the B.C. Telephone Co., and Murray Bryce, C.C.F. provincial campaign manager. It is understood, however, that Mr. John and Mr. Bryce will not permit their names to go before the convention.

The candidate chosen tonight by the C.C.F. will be opposed by Fisheries Minister R. W. Mayhew, the Liberal candidate, and Gordon Cameron, Progressive Conservative.

Would-Be Parents Adopting Babies Privately In Canada

MONTREAL (CP)—Widespread adoption of illegitimate babies exists in Canada, the Child Welfare Division of the Canadian Welfare Council was told here.

Miss K. Phyllis Burns, division executive secretary, reported Thursday that the shortage of adoptable children had prompted many people to bypass the agency waiting lists and to seek children privately.

"Due to inadequate community interpretation and to staff shortages, our services are not known to or used by many unmarried mothers who urgently need help and guidance," she said.

"Canada's adoption problem is not simple, concern being felt by the division about the wide variations in adoption practices in the provinces and the lack of sufficient interpretation of adoption."

Mrs. Muriel B. McCrae, chairman of the division's adoption committee, said traffic in illegal adoptions is widespread in Quebec. She said there are too few Protestant children in the province for the number of couples wanting to adopt children and too many Roman Catholic children for the number of homes offered.

As a result, she said, many children are being taken to other Canadian areas and to the United States from Quebec.

B.C.E. Motorman Acquitted By Jury

VANCOUVER (CP) — Joseph Stephens, 37-year-old B.C. Electric Company motorman, was acquitted of manslaughter Thursday by an Assize Court jury.

It was his second trial on the charge. The new trial was ordered after a jury disagreement last week.

Stephens was alleged to have been negligent in his operation of a one-man streetcar which struck Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Joseph Nance of Innisfail, Alta., Jan. 18.

Nance, 58, died in a hospital from injuries. Mrs. Nance suffered minor injuries.

Police Hunting Four Escaped Men From Mental Hospital

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — R.C.M.P. and city police intensified a search today for four men still at large after a midnight escape from the provincial hospital for mental cases at nearby Fairville.

A fifth man, whose name was not given, was recaptured some two hours after the escape.

Police believed they had located all the fugitives when the fifth man was apprehended. This led to earlier reports that all had been recaptured.

One of the men was described by hospital authorities as violent and another as a sex maniac. The captured man answered neither description.

The men, ranging in age from 19 to 58, made their getaway by knotting bedclothes into a makeshift rope and lowering themselves from a window.

Farm Worker, 16, Sentenced To Death

DRUMHELLER, Alta. (CP)—Clifford Allen Newton, 16-year-old farm hand of Rumsey, Alta., was sentenced Thursday to be hanged Sept. 8 by Mr. Justice C. J. Ford in the Alberta Supreme Court for the shotgun murder of Mary Gladys Moore, also of Rumsey, last Dec. 1.

The jury brought in the verdict three hours and 22 minutes after retirement.

Newton took the death sentence without change of expression.

Mrs. Newton, the boy's mother, broke down when sentence was passed and ran out of the courtroom.

Defence counsel, M. E. Jones of Calgary, in his summary had attempted to prove to the jury that Newton was insane.

The trial marked the second time in the life of the young farm laborer that he had appeared before the Supreme Court of Alberta charged with slaying the wife of his employer.

Newton was brought before the court last March on the same charge, but it was thrown out on a legal technicality.

During the trial, the jury was told that the youth was hired for general farm labor on the Moore farm about four miles outside Rumsey only two days before the shooting.

The shooting took place while Mrs. Moore's husband, Raymond, was away from the farm driving a school bus.

No motive for the shooting was established during the trial.

It was the first death sentence ever passed in the Drumheller courthouse and is believed to be the first time a juvenile has been sentenced to death in Alberta.

Vaudeville Spreading

NEW YORK (AP) — Vaudeville, which came back to New York last month, is due for a country-wide revival. It went over so well at Broadway's historic Palace Theatre that R.K.O. is going to try it out from coast to coast. R.K.O. said that by next fall it hopes to have variety shows in all its theatres in major cities across the United States.

Boy Jailed For Life

MARIANNA, Fla. (AP)—Frank Murphy Jr., 14-year-old reform school inmate, was given a life sentence Thursday for the "tattle tale" murder of a fellow student, Eddie Albert Black, 13. The prosecution claimed Murphy killed Black because he threatened to tattle on Murphy for smoking.

Red-headed Penguins

MOSCOW (AP)—Ever hear of red-headed penguins? A Soviet whaling expedition brought back a family of them from Antarctica. They now are on display at the Moscow Zoo.

More Supervision Of Railways By Government Asked

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Royal Commission on transportation today entered the third day of its Manitoba sessions after receiving a series of briefs urging better treatment for the West in freight rates.

About 10 more submissions from provincial bodies were to be presented during the day to the commission, expected to conclude its Manitoba hearings late today and move on to Regina.

The six briefs put before the three-man mody Thursday were united generally in calling for closer supervision of the railways by the government, and for action to bring western freight-rate levels down to those in the east.

The commission is to report to the federal government on these and a wide range of other subjects dealing with all forms of transportation under the jurisdiction of Parliament.

Thursday's briefs urged that the freight-rate structure be simplified; that the Board of Transport Commissioners, the regulatory body of the railroads, take more initiative in revising rates, and that it be made easier for shippers to set in motion the machinery for getting rate increases reconsidered.

Engineer Drowns In Nanaimo Harbor

NANAIMO (CP)—An early morning swim in Nanaimo Harbor Thursday cost the life of Stanley Nathaniel Hill, 31-year-old architectural engineer.

He was pronounced dead when brought ashore. An inquiry into the death will be held today.

The Florence Nightingale Medal was instituted in 1912 by the International Red Cross Conference at Washington.

In The News 25 Years Ago

Monkey Business In Downtown Victoria

If you had been around Blanshard and View Streets 25 years ago today, you likely would have joined a crowd of citizens doing what so many crowds do—staring upwards.

What you would have seen would probably have been rather startling, for 100 feet above the street, crouched high on the steeple of St. Andrew's Cathedral, you would have seen a Javanese monkey.

Here name was Maggie, and she was one of two monkeys who escaped from the Bird and Pet Shop, Yates Street, and caused quite a furore in the area until they finally became hungry and were captured.

And yes—the other monkey's names was Jiggs!

The report of the incident, carried in the Daily Times told how the simians caused something of a sensation as they were chased by yelling children down Yates Streets and through the gas station by the Dominion Hotel (oil station it was called then).

The report telling of Maggie's ascent up the cathedral spire, said: "Well meaning hands reached out to Maggie on the roof top, but it only served to drive her further and higher. At last, perched in the belfry of the steeple, 100 feet above the heads of the gathering crowd, Maggie was content to rest, where she stayed for the night.

"Jiggs took a different route. A patch of brush in rear of the store and a neighbor's chicken house attracted his attention. Leaving Maggie to take a bird's-eye view of Victoria, Jiggs took refuge in the chicken house and spent a peaceful night, undisturbed by the indignant cluckings of its feathered occupants. When day broke that morning, Jiggs consented to discuss breakfast with his keeper, and was recaptured without further incident . . . he ate a hearty breakfast and appeared to regard the outing in the nature of a celebration. Maggie, too, was finally enticed by food and caught."

—J. G. McK.

Mrs. Savage Heads Y.W.C.A. Of Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—Mrs. J. L. Savage of Toronto today was unanimously acclaimed president of the Canadian Young Women's Christian Association at a session of the Y.W.C.A. national convention. She succeeds Mrs. Walter Rean, also of Toronto.

Mrs. Savage is well known in Canada for the job she did during the war as chairman of the national Y.W.C.A. war services department.

Provincial vice-presidents include Mrs. John Baxter, Vancouver.

Weather

	Min	Max.	Precip.
Halifax	444	67	
Montreal	50	78	
Toronto	49	64	
North Bay	34	84	
Port Arthur	47	64	.05
Kenora	32	71	.11
Winnipeg	53	73	
Brandon	45	67	
The Pas	38	53	.09
Regina	42	61	.02
Saskatoon	43	56	.26
Prince Albert	41	50	.29
North Battleford	41	49	.21
Swift Current	40	59	
Medicine Hat	47	69	
Lethbridge	41	54	
Calgary	38	67	
Edmonton	36	55	
Kamloops	56	77	
Penticton	43	74	
Vancouver	48	66	
Victoria	47	63	
Kimberley	40	65	.56
Crescent Valley	34	70	
Kaslo	48	68	
Prince Rupert	47	53	1.00
Prince George	43	67	.05
Grand Forks	43	71	
Seattle	48	67	
Portland	49	67	
Chicago	69	85	.25
San Francisco	55	76	
Los Angeles	58	86	
New York	56	77	
Spokane	45	67	
Whitehorse	40	54	.06

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WHICH ONE IS KIDDING?

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S C.C.F. PARTY has brought in the Premier of Saskatchewan—the leader of Canada's only socialistic government—to bolster up its provincial election campaign. Mr. Douglas, as he delights to do, has entered the fray with great tales of the success his administration has enjoyed in the prairie province, and his stories grow better the farther he gets from home. In addition, the Saskatchewan C.C.F. apostle is using the usual socialist tactic of prophesying the economic doom that will result from the free enterprise system and, like others of his party, he loves to employ those graphic but meaningless phrases which fill C.C.F. literature and speeches.

For instance, at Powell River last Wednesday, he disregarded the fact that a federal election is traditionally called in the fourth year of office and that balloting in the early summer would permit more voters to get to the polls. The real reason, he claimed, was that the Liberal government at Ottawa "saw the roof of their economic structure beginning to cave in, and decided to get out before it was too late." If Mr. Douglas were to concentrate on audiences of school children he might be able to make his argument stick. But we fail to see how he can, with such platform sophistry, convince anyone with an adult mentality.

Turning to British Columbia matters, the Saskatchewan leader looked with envy at our rich province. A "democratic socialist regime" could do wonders here, he declared, but, according to the Canadian Press dispatch, "he flouted the idea that a C.C.F. government in British Columbia or Ottawa would take over industry." Now this exhibits an interestings—but not unusual—diversity of opinion within the C.C.F. fold, for it was only at the last session of the provincial legislature that the C.C.F. member for Mackenzie, Mr. Herbert Gargrave, voiced the hope that more industries would move to British Columbia so there would be more of them to take under the C.C.F. wing when that party came to power.

With their rosy dreams, their constant predictions of imminent depression unless they are called to save us, their continual contradiction of each other in regard to vital questions of policy, the Socialist proponents in both the provincial and the federal fields present a confused spectacle to the voting public. And Mr. Douglas' experience in Saskatchewan has not furnished any proof that election to office removes their propensity to flounder. That is something to keep in mind on June 15 when Socialism will make a major effort to gain power in British Columbia.

VOICES SPEAK NO MORE

IT REQUIRES NO GREAT FEAT OF memory to recall the warnings issued by Winston Churchill from the back benches of Parliament and his syndicated articles relative to the combustibles being piled for the Second World War. The distinguished statesman upon whom Britain called for leadership during that conflict had been, in his own words, a voice crying in the wilderness. How terribly accurate was his assessment of the dangers has been attested—to the sorrow of the world. His realistic outlook in the pre-Munich days gives him the specific right to speak with authority today. His "growing hope" now is that "we may avert forever the horrible vision of a third world war." No longer does he hear "those ancestral voices prophesying war."

Coming from a less notable figure, such statements might be automatically classified as wishful thinking. While Mr. Churchill's wording is exceedingly careful, it nevertheless furnishes more stable grounds for hope than a more positive expression of opinion from a multitude of other public figures.

EXPLAIN OR BE SILENT

WE ARE TOLD THAT MAJOR-GENERAL Pearkes, V.C., Progressive Conservative nominee for the Vancouver Island riding of Nanaimo, "continues to hammer" at the trade policies of the Liberal government at Ottawa. He is reported to have said the other night that Canada had lost her "traditional markets in Great Britain and the British Commonwealth," that the Liberals had chased "will-o'-the-wisp" markets in South America and elsewhere—and "they had all disappeared."

General Pearkes is entitled to his own opinions about the trade of this country—why is it that she is not buying as much from the United Kingdom as she used to buy, and why the United Kingdom is not selling as much to this part of the Commonwealth as she used to sell. What the federal Progressive Conservative nominee for Nanaimo conveniently fails to mention, of course, is what he would do about these and other matters. But it would not be surprising if at one of his campaign meetings a member of the audience were to ask him a few pertinent questions. Possibly he has the answers. He may be an accomplished economist. It is not for us to say.

What the intelligent voters of the federal riding of Nanaimo are entitled to hear from the Progressive Conservative aspirant for political honors, however, is how he would go about restoring those "traditional markets in Great Britain and the British Commonwealth" which he asserts have disappeared through the trade policies of a government with which he has nothing economically or politically in common. The next move in this connection, as we view it, is up to General Pearkes. If he cannot tell the people to whom he is appealing for votes on June 27 what his party's modus operandi is, if he has no economic formula or magic wand that will translate a theory into a condition, then, let him say so.

After all, if General Pearkes, gallant soldier that he was, genial and likeable person that he is, really believes he has the solution for a problem with which Canada, in common with the rest of the world, is plagued, let him expound it in phrases that can readily be understood by his constituents. The alternative is obvious.

WEEDS IN THE GARDEN

STRANGE READING IS CONTAINED IN the report that Associated Press correspondent George Bria has filed from Rome contrasting the character of the Eternal City today with that of June 4, 1944. In his opinion the city now would be scarcely recognizable to the soldiers who liberated it five years ago. What are the changes? Says Mr. Bria:

"For one thing, you can find Fascists here now. . . . The biggest shortage in Rome June 4, 1944, was of Fascists. Tens of thousands of Romans poured out to acclaim the liberators. Not a Fascist was among them to hear them tell it. . . . Today small groups of Fascists parade openly in the streets, singing Fascist songs and raising their right arms in the Roman salute"

This is not a situation which the western democracies will view with satisfaction. It is however, a development not without logic. During the extreme tension of the "cold war," conditions arose under which anti-Communist forces could not afford to be too choosy in their associations. In the campaign to beat the challenge of Palmiro Togliatti, it was inevitable that some of the extreme rightists would leave hiding, cast aside their disguises, and join forces with sincere democrats to combat the forces of the extreme left. Nor was it practical for the west to disavow them with elections in the offing which could have marked a further sweep of the Communist wave into Europe. That emergent condition today has eased. The democracies appear once again to be in a position to be more selective in picking their friends. Unless the Fascists of whom Mr. Bria speaks note that development, unhappy times could be ahead for them.

It may be noted that the Mosleyites, under another name, have raised the banners of Fascism again in the stronghold of democracy, Britain. And the Italian variety of adherents to the faith of Mussolini and Hitler—a faith which brought both ignominous death—may see in the British example justification for their reemergence in the country which gave birth to the movement in its 20th Century form. It should be recognized by potential present day Blackshirts, however, that the Mosley forces in Britain have never been an important element in that land's political life. Revival of the corporate state in Italy, on the other hand, would provide too many reminders of a way of life and form of political activity repugnant to the western world.

At another point in his news dispatch, Correspondent Bria notes the progress toward restoration of order from the chaos that was Rome five years ago. It seems not inopportune to suggest that the clearing up of the rag-tag and bob-tail of Fascism in Italy today is one of the scavenging jobs that remains to be done.

READY FOR IT

NATIVE INDIANS OF VANCOUVER Island, about to vote in the first provincial election in which they have had the franchise, have indicated by their response to election list registrars that they are determined to take full advantage of their new right. In some communities as high as 98 per cent registration has been achieved, a very gratifying showing in view of current conditions. These people, viewing the changes that have occurred during the past century of white rule, could well be excused any desire to participate in political processes from which they have been so long excluded, and which have evolved with so little benefit to them. Their agitation for the vote, and their subsequent support as evidenced by the registration figures, are therefore all the more to be commended. They may yet provide an example for many residents of other races who do not take the trouble to exercise their duties as citizens by going to the polls.

AIRBORNE NEST

IT IS HEARTENING IN THESE DAYS of commercialism and speed-up to hear of another instance in which a humane impulse has been acted upon. A news item tells of a bird's nest, complete with three eggs, which was built beneath the engine cowling of a private plane. When the owner landed in Richmond, Va., after a flight from Powhatan, he discovered the little home. He returned to his starting point and took care to park the plane in the same spot, hoping the absent birds would come back to their hatching duties.

It was a small matter to show such concern for a nest of eggs and the fortunes of two birds. Yet it is renewed proof that there is more than the routine fight for survival in the life of man. The mechanical juggernaut of modern existence has not squeezed the gentler virtues out of mankind. It is good to be reminded of that now and then.

Prospects Of Recovery

By WICKHAM STEED
Former Editor of The Times of London

EPISODE succeeds episode so rapidly in the contemporary world and is reported so swiftly by press and radio that the general tendency of events is apt to escape attention. The old saying that "the onlookers see most of the game" no longer holds good. The phases of "the game" change so speedily that the onlookers are more bewildered than the players.

Where, for instance, is one to find a feature common to the most recent episodes in world affairs? What general tendency is to be described in the lifting of the Berlin blockade, the adoption of Basic Statute for Western Germany, the resumption of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris, the rejection by the United Nations Assembly of the Italo-British recommendations for the future of the former Italian colonies, the continued fighting between Communist and National armies in China.

NEVERTHELESS, I think this impression superficial and to some extent erroneous. In the past 35 years the world has experienced two disastrous and devastating shocks—and it is a commonplace of curative medicine that the effects of a shock persist long after its cause has ceased. If it be true, as an eminent French authority M. Andre Siegfried recently argued, that the 19th century really lasted until 1914, and that the special conditions of the 20th century came into play with the First World War of 1914-18, the 20th century has been a period of shock, partial recovery and renewed shock followed by further efforts to recover, albeit efforts hampered by fear of an ultimate irremediable atomic disaster.

ATTEMPTS to overcome this hampering fear have hitherto been marked by two distinct conceptions of the means by which the convalescence could be hastened. According to one mainly Western conception, the road to eventual health must lie in collective security against war, so that mankind could return in some measure to the freedom of the personal and economic intercourse that was characteristic of the 19th century, and employ technical and scientific progress for the promotion of higher standards of individual and national life than the 19th century ever attained. The other conception, based on revolt against the abuses incidental to the industrial revolution of the 19th century, prescribes the elimination of those abuses by rigid social organization dispensing with individual freedom as the sole means of lasting improvement and of security against total disaster.

BETWEEN the nations cherishing these rival conceptions or convictions relations became so strained as to amount to a "cold war" which many regarded as a prelude to further disaster in a third "shooting" world war. The question arose whether it would be possible for the Western, mainly liberal, conception to exist side by side with the totalitarian, non-liberal conception without a final trial of military and economic strength. Some adherents of the totalitarian view believed it would not be possible. Many Westerners thought otherwise—provided that their view should be so resolutely upheld as to leave no room for doubt of their readiness or of their power to uphold it. Rightly understood the Russian blockade of Berlin and the Western airlift and counter-blockade constituted a preliminary test of the practical efficacy of the two rival conceptions of the road to recovery.

The issue between them is not yet decided. It may for some time to come hang in the balance. If it should incline towards reciprocal toleration and understanding between partisans of rival views, the prospects of world recovery may be notably enhanced.

IN THAT EVENT the present jumble of apparently disjointed episodes might begin to resolve itself into an intelligible order. Certainly for the moment world opinion is less apprehensive of the shock of ultimate, irremediable disasters; and world opinion is not the least potent of the agencies that determine the course of events. As an experienced, though not wholly disinterested or impartial onlooker, I am inclined to agree with two things which Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, has said. The first and more recent is that the lifting of the Berlin blockade and the resumption of the Council of Foreign Ministers are attributable to the conclusion of the Atlantic Treaty.

The second and less recent is the expression of his wish to be able to go to a railway station in London, take a ticket for any place in Europe and proceed on his journey without hindrance or formality of any kind. We could do this in the 19th century. When shall we be able to do it in the 20th?

THE PRESENT position is paradoxical to the point of being ludicrous. With aircraft flying from London to Rome in little more than two hours, distance has been well-nigh annihilated. With radio putting a girdle round the earth in a few seconds we ought to have decreased the distance between men's minds. Yet, in actual ease of intercommunication and unhampered movement of persons from one country to another we lag far behind the 19th century. Even ideas no longer circulate freely. All this is unworthy of the 20th century that prides itself on its progressive conquest of the forces of nature. It is high time for the 20th century to learn wisdom.

War can always be made between the great capitals. Peace has to be built in the slums and in the villages. That is where most people live—and live under conditions which constitute a permanent threat to peace.—Dr. Jaime Torres Bodet, director general, Unesco.

A New 'Switch'

Annual Carpet Of Flowers

By CHRISTOPHER SERPELL in London Calling

AT THE Corpus Domini procession which takes place in Genzano, Italy, each year in the early summer, every inch of a 300-yard street is covered with a continuous carpet of flower petals.

FIVE PICTURES

I do not want you to envisage a jumbled mass of colors, but an elaborate and detailed composition, in which five great pictures—each some thirty yards long—alternate with formal, geometrical patterns and arabesques just like those on a real carpet. It is a work in which almost the whole town takes part.

The expenses are contributed by the local shopkeepers, the cafes, and the restaurants, who look forward to the great influx of customers which comes to Genzano for this insurata, or "beflowering" as it is called.

About four days before the ceremony, all the young people of the town—especially the girls—go out into the countryside and collect vast quantities of the wild flowers which are needed for the carpet and which are the only ones used. On the eve of the insurata, all the flowers are depetalled, which is itself an enormous work, and then, in the afternoon of the great day, the work itself begins.

The great pictures are first prepared indoors on sheets of linen or plywood. The formal sections of the carpet are stencilled with chalk on the roadway and then filled in with petals.

It is work that must be done with great delicacy and precision; the pictures are only one petal thick and the petals must touch one another.

FINEST DETAILS

The details are fine and elaborate: for instance, in a study of the conversion of St. Paul shown last year every muscle of the saint and his horse were shown up with shading in the appropriate colors, while the ray of light descending from Heaven was shown impacting on the solid objects in its path.

The finest details of all are done with the flower pistils, and the many shades of brown and black required are made from the dried dust of grape skins and grape pips taken from the local wine press.

The borders of the carpet are designed with a fringe of green leaves, and the steps of the church are covered with broad bands of color. At last the job is done, and it only remains to keep it fresh with sprays of water until the procession arrives.

First come the children of the town—all dressed as angels and walking carefully down the gutters, off the carpet. Then, as the people fall on their knees, the Host itself is borne down under its canopy, and those carrying the Sacrament tread very carefully, lifting up their feet to avoid disarranging the pattern, and scrupulously making detours to avoid treading on the faces of the Saints.

FEAST BEGINS

Well, that is the end of the carpet. When the Host has passed, the people get up and crowd into the street, and the evening is given up to feasting.

The Fiction That Came To Life

By PETER EDSON from Washington

CAPITAL society has a new indoor, air-conditioned sport these days. It is trying to find similarities between real live celebrities-about-town and the fictional characters in Merle Colby's new novel of Washington life, "The Big Secret."

KNOWS HIS WAY

The author has been around Washington for 15 years or so. He has worked for OWI, WMC, OWMR, WPA and other alphabetical agencies. One of his last jobs, before he quit to write this novel, was as assistant to the assistant to the President, Dr. John R. Steelman. This is mentioned to show that Author Colby knows his way around.

"The Big Secret's" plot is of course preposterous. Up to two weeks ago it could be considered both improbable and impossible. It concerns a young scientist hero, Dan Upstead, from a small-town college in Maine. He comes to Washington for a scientific meeting and to use a mechanical brain in the fictional counterpart to the Bureau of Standards.

On the side he tries to see the President to protest against a proposed executive order which would give bureaucrats and the military brass complete control and censorship over scientific research. Of course Upstead never gets to see the President. But the young hero does get all involved in a Washington web of political intrigue. And that makes the story.

A fortnight ago, all this might be laughed off as a fictional situation. But today, with all the hullabaloo over granting a scholarship to the young Austrian-born Communist from University of North Carolina, Colby's "Big Secret" seems tame stuff by comparison. Most of Colby's time in government service has been as a public relations man. If he had dreamed up the real-life scholarship scandal as a publicity stunt to promote the sale of his novel, it couldn't have fit better.

Through the pages of Colby's novel stagger a cast of characters only slightly exaggerating, burlesquing and satirizing their real life counterparts. Though, as it says in the movies, "Any resemblance to any real person, place or event is purely coincidental."

The book character of Sen. Sontag G. Skimmerhoff, for instance, is a vastly overstuffed shirt version of someone in the position of last year's Chairman J. Parnell Thomas of the House Un-American Activities Committee. As fictional chairman of an imaginary Senate Temporary Committee on Subversive Associations and Disloyal Thoughts, or SCAT, Skimmerhoff stages a public investigation of hero Upstead. It is only slightly more fantastic than some of the real things.

REAL PEOPLE

Throughout the book Colby scatters in the names of some real people on the Washington scene—like Bernard Baruch and his ghost Sam Lubell—just to lend verisimilitude. At General Conoy's press conference, which is like no other press conference ever held, among those present are May Craig, Tom Stokes, Mark Childs, Merriman Smith and Pete Edson. Oh, golly, that it should ever come to this!

Sad Truth

Ottawa Citizen

Although many poets have attempted to instruct the world in the sweet uses of austerity, the idea that austerity is good for its own sake has never actually taken hold. It perhaps makes a person feel spiritual to talk of plain living and high thinking, or of eating in order to live, not living in order to eat. The sad truth remains that most people like to eat good things when they can. A fillet of spruce reduced to a pill would scarcely content them, no matter how much energy it gave. Cold sliced oak or a Douglas fir ragout might build sturdy limbs in young bodies, but hot dogs and ice cream are more fun. Scientists can err.

GLOBAL SURVEY

By DeWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press News Analyst

THIS column expressed the view yesterday that the dangers of world war have receded greatly in recent months, but at the same time made clear that this doesn't mean the struggle between democracy and Communism is drawing to a close.

Far from it: The fight will continue along ideological lines indefinitely. Support for the thesis of a protracted and bitter battle of ideas comes from Gen. Lucius D. Clay, who, as former United States military governor in Germany, has been in one of the hottest spots of the conflict.

The general, speaking at Columbia University in New York, said that "there remains ahead of us for years to come a struggle between those who promise equal economic return and security that cannot be provided to the person without surrendering individual rights and life under control of the state, and those who believe in democracy, which should provide for equal opportunity, social advance and social progress."

So far as Germany is concerned the ideological struggle will continue to be fierc because of that country's strategic position in central Europe. This of course will be nothing new for the Germans, because the Reich was one of the first nations in which the Soviet Comintern launched a Red offensive.

A PARALLEL

Hitler's rise to power later was due in no small degree to his fight against Communism, despite the fact that he finally signed with Russia the non-aggression pact which made it possible for him to launch his war of aggression in 1939.

Since those days the Communist world revolution has struck in many countries, with particular attention to the United States as leader of the democracies. There is no Communist government which has the support of all the people whom it rules. However, counting the Soviet Union and its satellite countries, Moscow probably has control of more than 300,000,000 people.

CLIPPED at RANDOM

DANGEROUS SLOGAN

Winnipeg Free Press

As General Omar N. Bradley, United States chief of staff, observes, the phrase "cold war," though colorful and descriptive, is unfortunate. It suggests that the free nations are engaged in a project of war when, in fact, they are engaged under the Atlantic Pact in a project of peace.

As a people we North Americans tend to think in slogans for convenience and speed and the slogans tend to imprison our thinking. The "cold war" is one of the most dangerous we have invented.

UNMANUFACTURED

Saturday Night

We are convinced that the views of Quebec are not manufactured for it by either Mr. Lapointe or Mr. Duplessis or Mr. St. Laurent or any other leader; any more than the views of Ontario are manufactured for it by Mr. Drew. They are a natural product of the history and circumstances of the Quebec people, which are different from those of most people in the other provinces and naturally produce different views. These views are also entitled to representation in the Parliament of all the Canadian people . . .

TOO MUCH SLEEP

New York Times

There are many theories about what is the worst thing that can happen to a man. Essayists have hazarded unprovable guesses ranging from money to marriage, stressing the dangers lying in an oversupply or complete lack of either one or both. Clearly these are special cases, lacking the virtue of generality. While many disturbing things can happen to an individual, it takes a rather special curse to wail down all men, everywhere. This curse is called sleep, too much sleep. The worst thing that can happen to a man is that long after he should be up and about, he sleeps on. Long after he should be out on the streets, burning up energy, he lies in his bed, storing up more. That energy will out. That energy, from too much sleep, will be a danger not only to himself but a discomfort to others. Too much sleep can lead a man from the calm acceptance of the incredible to a disregard of the impossible, and obviously that is the worst thing that can happen to a man. It is time to get up. Right now.

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Says Threat Of Communism Keeps B.C. Coalition Alive

A fight against communism in B.C. is the reason for the continued coalition of the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives, Hon. Herbert Anscomb, leader of the P.C.'s in B.C., told a political meeting in Cadboro Bay Scout Hall Thursday evening.

In an attack on the C.C.F., Mr. Anscomb said that, while many Socialists in the province were against communism, socialism inevitably led to communism and dictatorship.

He told the meeting that in the previous provincial election campaign, the Communists had had candidates in nearly all ridings. In the present campaign, he said, the Communists had only two recognized candidates. Where had the others gone? he asked. They had not gone into his party and they had not gone into the Liberal Party. He saw the C.C.F. as the only alternative.

Mr. Anscomb next discussed the 3 per cent social security tax imposed during his tenure of office as finance minister. He said there was nothing he would rather do than support the tax. It was the basis of the humanitarian program built up in the province and there could be no program without it, he claimed.

TAX NECESSARY

Prior to the tax, he continued, the province had reached the state where the need for social assistance was so large that the standards of that assistance could not be maintained upon the existing tax and it was a case of either reducing the standards of the social assistance or raising the money through taxation.

He again turned on the C.C.F. which, he said, originally had been venemous and vitriolic in its attack against the tax. Yet, now, he said, C.C.F. candidates were saying that it would be impossible to remove the tax even if their party went into power.

On the other hand, he said, claiming confusion in the C.C.F. campaign, there was one C.C.F. candidate who flatly stated at one political meeting that if the Socialists came to power the tax would be abolished.

So far as any C.C.F. suggestion that industry be taxed instead, Mr. Anscomb said it was necessary to guarantee security for the old age people and that, as there had been times when there was no profit in industry, there could be no security for the aged in this method of taxation.

He also attacked the C.C.F. stand on the possible establishment of an aluminum industry here. The company which was considering setting up a plant here, he said, had suggested an investment of $500,000,000 in the province through its plant.

The C.C.F. he said had threatened confiscation, and he told the meeting that the company would not set up a plant in the province under Socialism.

In summing up his support of the present government administration, he said, "Labor is a good deal better off under a business that is making money than starving to death under a business that is not making money."

OPPOSING C.C.F. LEADER

Also addressing the meeting was Douglas McKay Brown, Coalition candidate for Vancouver East where he is opposing Harold Winch, leader of the C.C.F. opposition.

Mr. Brown read excerpts from the report of the 16th provincial convention of the C.C.F. party and referred to statements in the report as examples of confusion within the ranks of the Socialist party.

He pointed to the recent split in the C.C.F. Party in B.C. over approval of the Atlantic Pact and charged that this rift left confusion and bewilderment among those who followed socialism.

He also said that those who had been taught socialism for the past 16 years must be left in a state of bewilderment when the leader of the C.C.F. party in Canada stated that the election of his party to power in the Dominion would not bring an end to free enterprise.

As an example he pointed to the C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan, which, he said, now was inducing private enterprise to return to that province.

He charged the C.C.F. now with having a "policy of pure opportunism."

He also derided the effort of the C.C.F. to gain membership from the labor unions, quoting again from a portion of the C.C.F.'s convention report which, he said, showed that the party wanted labor's money but not its present opinions.

Sweeter Girl

Added to actress Virginia Mayo's already numerous titles comes "Sweeter Girl" from the confection industry in California. We're inclined to agree! (NEA Telephoto)

C.S.U. Communistic Coldwell Charges

PORT ARTHUR (CP)—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, told an election campaign meeting Thursday night the leaders of the Canadian Seamen's Union are "mainly interested in forwarding and promoting the Communist Party in Canada."

He made the statement at the conclusion of his address when a man walked to the platform, produced a resolution criticizing the government and asking for a judicial inquiry into the violence in the seamen's strike on the east coast, and asked Mr. Coldwell to have the meeting endorse it. Mr. Coldwell refused.

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